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In re the Application of: **Masanobu SUGAWARA et al.**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 12, 2005.

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